

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on February 15, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Don Ryan (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Annie Glover, Committee Secretary
Chris Lohse, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 405, 2/10/2005; SB 410,
2/10/2005
Executive Action: SB 339, SB 410

00:00:00

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 339

Motion: SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 339 DO PASS.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT](#)(fis37a01)

[EXHIBIT](#)(fis37a02)

Mr. Larry Peterman, Fish Wildlife and Parks

Mr. Hank Warsech, Fish Wildlife and Parks

Motion: SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 339 BE AMENDED WITH SB 033901.ACL. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion: SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 339 BE AMENDED WITH SB033904.ACL. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion: SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 339 BE AMENDED CONCEPTUALLY. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

Mr. Roger Hagan, Officer and Enlisted Associations of the National Guard of Montana

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 339 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:09:32

HEARING ON SB 405

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 405, Revise funding and management of habitat Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:04

Mr. Jay Bodener, Montana Stockgrowers Association

00:17:44

Ms. Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau

Opponents' Testimony:

00:18:18

Mr. Derek Goldman, Montana Audubon

00:21:09

Mr. Larry Peterman, Fish Wildlife and Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fis37a03\)](#)

00:25:35 **Mr. Paul Sihler, Co-Chairman, Coalition to
Reauthorize Habitat Montana**

[EXHIBIT\(fis37a04\)](#)

00:29:40 **Mr. Nathan Birkeland, Montana Wildlife Federation**

Informational Testimony: None.

00:30:30

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:28

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:00

HEARING ON SB 410

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. STEVEN GALLUS (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on **SB 410,**
Revise law on urban wildlife.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:38 **Mr. Larry Peterman, Fish Wildlife and Parks**

[EXHIBIT\(fis37a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis37a06\)](#)

00:51:59 **Mr. Tim Burton, City Manager, City of Helena**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:54:41

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:15

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:33

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 410

Motion/Vote: SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 410 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

SEN. TROPILA proxied for SEN. LARSON.

SEN. BARKUS proxied for SEN. BALLYEAT.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis37aad0.TIF](#))